

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2004. In the Office Action claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, 15, 17-28, 30, and 32-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0091527 issued to Shiau (hereinafter Shiau) and claims 4, 6, 14, 16, 29, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being allegedly obvious over Shiau in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,290 issued to Jochumson (hereinafter Jochumson).

Reconsideration in light of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because, *inter alia*, Shiau does not constitute prior art. Applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 signed by the inventors: Sangita R. Sharma, Jim A. Larson, and Mike S. Chartier. The inventors declare that they conceived the claimed invention prior to January 8, 2001, the effective filing date of Shiau. A copy of the Intel Invention Disclosure pre-dating the January 8, 2001 filing date of January 8, 2001 is offered into evidence as Exhibit A.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

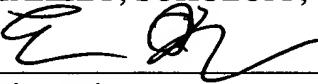
***Conclusion***

In view of the remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-40 define the subject invention over the prior art of record. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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